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SUBJ: USLO ATTENDANCE AT THE CANTON FAIR

1. AFTER A TRIAL GAP IN USLO ATTENDANCE AT THE CANTON FAIR (AS RECOMMENDED BY THE 1976 INSPECTORS REPORT), WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE DISADVANTAGES OF A GAP OUTWEIGH THE SMALL SAVINGS GAINED. WE FEEL THAT FULL COVERAGE HAS THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES:

(A) FULL COVERAGE FOR ASSISTING AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL LETTERS FROM LARGE AND SMALL BUSINESSES SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING THAT WE COVER THE ENTIRE FAIR, EVEN THOUGH THE GAP AT THE SPRING FAIR WAS LESS THAN A WEEK. WE REALIZE THAT THERE IS SOME OVERLAP WITH THE NCUSCT REPRESENTATION, BUT NEITHER WE NOR THE BUSINESSMEN FEEL THIS IS A DISADVANTAGE.

(B) REPORGING. IN ADDITION TO REPORTING
ON BUSINESS DONE AT THE FAIR, WE HAVE FOUND
CHINESE TRADE OFFICIALS THERE MORE OPEN AND
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TALKATIVE THAN AT HOME IN PEKING. OUR DISCUSSIONS IN CANTON ARE VALUABLE NOT ONLY IN REPORTING ON THEIR FAIR BUT ALSO IN DEVELOPING CONTACTS IN PEKING.

(C) TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF PEKING IS ALWAYS USEFUL. WITH INCREASE

COVERAGE WE PLAN TO REQUEST MORE STOPOVERS ENROUTE TO THE FAIR.

(D) WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VISITS TO CANTON TO STOP IN HONG KONG (WHICH SUPPLIES USLO AT THE FAIR) FOR CONSULTATION RECOMMENDED BY THE INSPECTORS.

2. WITH THE ADDITION OF STEVE HARNER TO THE COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC STAFF, WE FEEL THAT WE CAN COVER THE FAIR FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH WITHOUT LEAVING PEKING UNDERSTAFFED. DEAN

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